



**Wishing you a Blessed Easter from our Staff!**



**Thank you to my Church Family from Rodney Hildebrand:** Words can not express my appreciation to my church family for all their prayers, cards, texts, visits, and food during my recent illness. I feel so blessed to have all the support from everyone; it was so humbling. Please continue to pray for me to regain my strength.

**From Rhonda Johnson: Thank You** to everyone who helped with the **Wing Fellowship art opportunity drawing**. We are grateful for all those who purchased tickets and donated money to make the fundraiser a success. Over \$2300 was raised for the Wing Fellowship.

**Thank you from D. R. & Katrina Davis:** Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, texts, calls, attending visitation and the memorial service, and other acts of kindness during the recent loss of our father. It has provided much comfort during this difficult time.



**Name Tags**—We encourage everyone to remember to wear your name tag for the sake of new members & visitors. Robin has made new name tags for everyone. They are on the board & alphabetized to help you find them easily. If anyone still needs one, please contact Robin.

**Bible Study**

“An Unlikely Lent: Extraordinary People of the Easter Story,” led by Pastor Mary will conclude Tuesday, April 7th at 10:30 in the library.



**Kits for Conference**  
This year UMCOR will be collecting 3 kinds of kits: Hygiene Kits, Cleaning Buckets, & Feminine Hygiene Kits. There are

lists on the reading cart of items needed for these kits. The last day to donate any items will be **May 24**. Any questions? Ask Kathi Hemmis. Thank you for helping with this important mission.



**Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley** presents *The Wonderful World of Broadway*, a Mother’s Day weekend choral concert featuring Broadway favorites. Plan to join us on **Sat, May 9 & Sun, May 10, at 3:00 p.m.** at **Linville Creek Church of the Brethren**. Celebrate the joy, heart, & magic of Broadway with us this Mother’s Day weekend!



**Youth Group Announcements**



**Upcoming Youth Events:**

**Sunday, April 19th - Lunch & Scavenger Hunt (Valley Mall)**  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Harrisonburg Mall Food Court  
Lunch with friends

Team Scavenger Hunt competition, Prizes & fun

**Sunday, April 26th - Lunch, Devotion & Mission Day**  
Lunch at church  
Devotion time  
Local mission activity  
Fun post activity\* (Optional)

**Sunday, May 31st - Youth Service**  
Share a 3-minute year recap testimony from each youth,  
Join in 2 group songs, serve as an acolyte,  
read Scripture, or perform a solo or duet!

**Don't forget! Every Sunday**  
Zoom Prayer @ 6:45 PM, & Youth Check in @ 7 PM

Blessings, Jomo (240) 328-5847 [dumbumyouth@gmail.com](mailto:dumbumyouth@gmail.com)



**Wonderful Easter Egg Hunt Last Sunday**  
Thank you!

Last Sunday, March 29th, we celebrated Palm Sunday with the children. We shared lunch together, played fun games, and ended with an Easter Egg Hunt. It was an exciting and engaging time! Thank you to all of our volunteers and all who donated candy! We could not have done it without you! Happy Easter!

Join us for Children's Church every Sunday!  
Worship & activities for kids during part of the worship service

Contact Gracen at [gracenkelly123@gmail.com](mailto:gracenkelly123@gmail.com) or phone (call, text) 804-867-6143

**We welcome prayer requests**

Please share your prayer request with us on the Prayer Request Card found in your pew. Place the card in the offering plate.

**Prayer Chain**

If you would like to be one of our prayer chain partners, please contact the church office at 540-828-0890.

*Bridgewater UMC Church Staff*

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| Children's Church & Nursery | Gracen Kelley, Reanna Ahnen, Malachi Benjamin  |

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 AM - 3 PM (Closed Friday)

Welcome to **Bridgewater**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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**April 5, 2026**



Greetings from the congregation of Bridgewater UMC! We are certainly blessed to have you worship with us. We pray that you will feel welcomed and loved. Do you need assistance today? Please speak with any of our worship leaders or ushers. If you have questions during the week about the church, please call **Pastor Mary Dadisman** at 540-828-0890.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 5, 2026

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

W&S = Worship & Song (Green)

\* = Please stand in body or spirit

## Ring the Bell

## Announcements & Happy Birthday

**Prelude** "Fanfare for the Common Man"  
A. Copeland

## Call to Worship

**\*Opening Hymn** UMH 302  
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

## Opening Prayer

## Children's Message

**Anthem** "Risen Up"  
M. & D. Lantz

**Scripture Reading** John 20:1-18

**Sermon** "A New Start"  
Rev. Mary K. Dadisman

**Offertory** "He Came in Love"  
J. & C. Owens

**\*Doxology** UMH 364  
"Because He Lives"

## Prayers of the People

### Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

## The Lord's Prayer

## Sharing the Bread & the Cup

## Communion Hymns

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" UMH 172  
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140  
"It Is Well with My Soul" UMH 377  
"Because He Lives" UMH 364

**\*Closing Hymn** UMH 310  
"He Lives!"

## \*Benediction

**Postlude** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"  
M. Kim

# In Our Prayers

## Joys and Answered Prayers

Children's choir song Sunday was a real joy!  
Charlotte Kenney's procedure went well  
Dick Harper's heart surgery went well  
We had a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt and Fun Day Sunday  
Thank you, God, for the love of Jesus, for our church, our families, and our friends

We give thanks for God's grace and mercy

## Prayers of Sympathy for the families of

Whitey Davis  
Michael Randall  
Cris Irvine

## Current Prayer Concerns

Leach Family Shawn McGraw  
James & Janet Shifflett Dick Harper

## Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

|                   |                    |                 |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Grace Fishback    | Chloe Leach        | Sandra Stroud   |
| Betty Foley       | Dorothy Lion       | Vic Taylor      |
| Henry & Dorice    | Ray Michael        | Nancy Thomas    |
| Graham            | Shirley Creekbaum  | Marcia & Gary   |
| Rodney Hildebrand | Kim Miller         | Tyeryar         |
| Deidra Hill       | Mitzi Puffenbarger | Donald & Ginger |
| Judy Hulvey       | Joanne Simpkins    | Usry            |
| Barbara Kiracofe  | Bonnie & Tom Snook | Doris Waters    |

## Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for...

—Peace in my life, my family, with our neighbors, and the world  
—For peace in Iran, Mid-East, Ukraine, Gaza, Venezuela, Cuba, and around the world  
—For our nation to step back from greed, injustice, fear, hatred  
—For our government leaders to act with love  
—For wisdom for all our leaders, especially our president,  
—For protection for our elected officials, to protect President Trump and his family  
—For your will, not our will, to be done  
—For those who cannot read  
—For those who are struggling with financial problems  
—Help us to be servants to each other, our neighbors, & world  
—Help us to become better people and Christians and to have more faith  
—That our families will become closer to God and for clarity in seeing God's will  
—For Bridgewater and other college students - for discipline and for those taking exams  
—For safe travels for our families  
—For strength, health, & healing for our families, for those who are sick  
—For victims of abuse of all kinds  
—For comfort for those dealing with illness and loss and those awaiting surgery  
—For those dealing with mental illness and addiction and those who care for them  
—For families in crisis or struggling with estrangement

## Serving Us in Worship

|                   | TODAY, Apr. 5 (1st Sun)      | NEXT SUNDAY, Apr. 12 (2nd Sun) |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Greeters          | Gloria Roller & Kathi Hemmis | Paul & Johna McFarland         |
| Ushers            | Mark Kipps & Claude Martell  | Taylor Family                  |
| Reader            | Johna McFarland              | Ed Craun                       |
| Audio-Visual      | Tony Mancari                 | Marc Craun                     |
| Acolytes          | David Kipps                  | Taylor Family                  |
| Sanctuary Servers | Laura & Tony Mancari         | Chuck & Sue Rexrode            |
| Bus Driver        | Fontaine Canada              | Dwight Campbell                |

## OUR CALENDAR

**TODAY** **Easter Sunday! Resurrection Celebration**  
9 AM Sunday School for all ages  
10 AM Worship Service  
6:45 PM Prayer for Youth/ 7 PM Youth Check-in

**MON** Office Closed for Easter Monday!  
6 PM SPRC Meeting (Sanctuary)  
6:30 PM Bridgewater Ruritans (Fellowship Hall)

**TUE** 10:30 AM *An Unlikely Lent* Bible Study (Library)  
6:30 PM Valley Radio Control Flying Club  
(New Beginnings Classroom)

**WED** 10 AM Prayer Team (Library)  
6 PM Handbell Practice (Mt. Solon Commons)  
7 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**NEXT SUNDAY** **Second Sunday of Easter**  
9 AM Sunday School for all ages  
10 AM Worship Service  
6 PM Wing Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
6:45 PM Prayer for Youth/ 7 PM Youth Check-in



Please send Robin announcements for the Bulletin/Slides/E-Blast by Wednesday to [adminasst@bridgewaterumc.com](mailto:adminasst@bridgewaterumc.com).

## Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance: 86 Sunday School: 39 Total Giving: \$6,067

We welcome you, and as an act of hospitality, we offer several ways for you to participate in giving. Please find the most comfortable way for you.

◆ Offering Plate is passed during Sunday Worship Services

◆ Drop off or mail a check to the church at BUMC, 219 North Main St., Bridgewater VA 22812

◆ Online Giving at BUMC Web Page

[www.BridgewaterUMC.com/give](http://www.BridgewaterUMC.com/give)

◆ App for Giving @ Tithely.com

Download the app, find BUMC, and give!

◆ Secure, locked communication box outside at Green Street entrance

